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Richard GRIFFITHS et al.

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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AVIAN CHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN METHODS

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a two month extension of time to respond to the communication of October 17, 2002.

The fee of \$205.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- (X) Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
 - () is enclosed.
 - (X) has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard GRIFFITHS et al.

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